

Section 1

Introduction

Within the San Bernardino County area of the Santa Ana River Basin, management and control of the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) is shared by a number of agencies, including the San Bernardino County Flood Control District (“District”); San Bernardino County (“County”); and the cities of Big Bear Lake, Chino, Chino Hills, Colton, Fontana, Grand Terrace, Highland, Loma Linda, Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Redlands, Rialto, San Bernardino, Upland, and Yucaipa (“16 cities”). The District is the Principal Permittee; the remaining jurisdictions are the Co-Permittees.

To control stormwater pollutants carried by urban runoff in San Bernardino County, the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) issued area-wide waste discharge requirements for the County’s MS4 on April 26, 2002 (NPDES No. CAS618036; Order No. R8-2002-0012) (“MS4 Permit”). This MS4 Permit to discharge expires on April 27, 2007; however, as required by this MS4 Permit, the District, County, and the 16 cities submitted a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) to the RWQCB on October 27, 2006. The ROWD serves as the application for issuance of new waste discharge requirements for the MS4.

The previous ROWD submitted to the RWQCB, which resulted in the issuance of the MS4 Permit that expires on April 27, 2007, included the Municipal Stormwater Management Plan (MSWMP). The MSWMP and associated documents incorporated by reference, identify the specific stormwater program activities that will be carried out by the permittees during the permit term.

The ROWD and MSWMP have most recently been a single document with ROWD requirements and MSWMP elements commingled. The ROWD submitted on October 27, 2007 separated the ROWD from the MSWMP, effectively separating the discharge application from the Stormwater Management Program. Separation of this document does not change how the MS4 program is implemented; instead, the separation simply provides a clear demarcation between what constitutes the application for a MS4 Permit and what defines the Stormwater Management Program that is to be implemented under the MS4 Permit.

This document contains the MSWMP that will be implemented during the permit term beginning with issuance of the 2007 MS4 Permit. The MSWMP includes by reference any document prepared under the umbrella of the MSWMP, for example, the Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) (June 9, 2005, or as amended). Reference to the MSWMP automatically infers the inclusion of these documents. In addition, when an MSWMP commitment includes both the Principal Permittee and Co-Permittees, the general terms “permittee” or “permittees” will be used.